





## For Sale.

**MacEwen, Frickel & Co.**  
No. 53, Queen's Road East,  
(Opposite the Commisariat),  
ARE NOW LANDING  
FROM AMERICA.

**CALIFORNIA**  
**CRACKER**  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Assorted DISCUTS.

Small HOMINY.  
Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.  
Apple BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
COTTAGE, DUNCAN'S.  
PRIME HAM and BACON.  
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.  
Family BEEF in 25 lb kegs.  
Bona Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.  
" Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
" Potted SAUSAGES and Sausage  
MEAT.  
" Stuffed PEPPERS.  
" Assorted SOUPS.  
Richardson & Robinson's Celebrated Potted  
MEATS.

Lunch HAM.  
Lamb's TONGUES.  
Crisp CHOWDER.  
Fresh OREGON SALMON.  
Dried APPLES.  
TOMATOES.  
SUCCOTASH.  
Maple SYRUP.  
Golden SYRUP.  
LOBSTERS.  
HONEY.  
Assorted JELLIES.  
Green CORN.

## FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.  
600 lb. "  
900 lb. "  
1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.  
OFFICE HIGH CHAIRS.  
AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.  
WAFLE IRONS.  
SMOOTHING IRONS.

PAINTS and OILS.  
TALLOW and TAIL.  
VARNISHES.

DEVOE'S NONPARIEL  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,

150° test.

Ex late Arrivals from  
ENGLAND.  
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
STOKES,

including:  
CHRISTMAS CAKES.  
PLUM PUDDINGS.  
MINCEMEAT.  
ALMONDS and RAISINS.  
Crystallized FRUITS.  
TYSSON'S DESSERT FRUITS.  
Pudding RAISINS.  
Lente CURRANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS.  
PICNIC TONGUES.  
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.  
SAVOY PATES.

FRENCH PLUMS.  
BROWN FOOD.  
OILY FLOUR.

SPARTAN  
COOKING STOVES.

HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.  
PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

CLARETS.  
CHATEAU MARGAUX.  
CHATEAU LA TOUR, pints and quarts.  
1828 GRAVES.  
BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT.  
SAISON'S MANZANILLA & AMON-  
TILLADO.  
SAISON'S OLD INVALID PORT  
(1848).  
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c., &c.  
1 and 3-star Hennessy's BRANDY.  
Bisquit Dubouché & Co.'s BRANDY.  
FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.  
KING'S 11 WHISKY.  
ROYAL GLENDEWE WHISKY.  
BOON'S OLD TOM.  
E. & J. BUREN'S IRISH WHISKY.  
ROSE'S LIME JUICE COGNAC.  
CHAMPAGNE'S GINGER BRANDY.  
EASTERN CIDER.  
CHARTREUSE.  
MARASCHINO.  
CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, Bitter's and Orange  
BITTERS.  
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and  
SARGENT, pints and quarts.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &  
J. BUREN, pints and quarts.  
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the  
Gallon.  
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIAL SELECTED  
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in  
5 catty boxes.  
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF  
SAVES, CASH and PAPER  
BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883. 1048

## To-day's Advertisements.

**HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

**NOTICE.**  
THE STEAMER "WHITE CLOUD" will  
leave for Macao at 4 p.m. on  
SATURDAY NEXT, returning to Hongkong  
on MONDAY, at 7 a.m., instead of the  
usual hours.

First-Class Return.....\$3.00  
Second-Class Return.....\$1.50  
By Order,  
T. J. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

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**THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.**  
The Co.'s Steamship  
"Esmeralda,"  
Capt. H. J. JACKSON, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on SATURDAY, 1st March, at 5 p.m.  
Manila Cargo will not be received after  
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.

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**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.**

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.**  
The Co.'s Steamship  
"Nemora,"  
Capt. J. JACKSON, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on SUNDAY, the 2nd March, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARSEN & Co.,  
General Managers.

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**UNION LINE.**  
**FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.**  
The Steamship  
"Scandinavia,"  
Capt. F. JACKSON, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port on or about SATURDAY, 3rd March,  
instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
RUSSELL & Co.,  
General Managers.

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**FOR SWATOW, TATWANFOO, CHE-  
FOO AND NEWCHANG.**  
The Steamship  
"Cassiopea,"  
Capt. JACKSON, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on or about the 1st March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.

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**FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND  
ADELAIDE.**  
(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEEN-  
SLAND, and taking through  
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND, NEW GALE-  
DONIA, TASMANIA and FIJI.)

The Eastern and Aus-  
tralian Steamship Co.'s  
Steamer  
"Mentana,"  
will be despatched as above on or about  
SATURDAY, the 1st March.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our  
Office) will be received up to 4 p.m. on  
the 14th March.

Contents and value of Packages must  
be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.

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**NOTICE.**  
THE UNDERSIGNED has been instructed by  
THE "SANTAS" COMPANY,  
LIMITED, of London, with the exclusive  
SALE of their MANUFACTURES in  
HONGKONG, MACAO and CANTON, and begs  
to inform the Public that the said Company  
will not accept Indents from the above-  
named places unless received through the  
Undersigned.

E. F. DE SOUZA.

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**SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.** Feb. 28, 1884.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last Dividend.	Closing Quota.
BANKS.							
H.K. and S'hai							
Bank.....	60,000	125	125	\$3,198,336	\$2,500,000	\$2	160 1/2 = \$325
INSURANCE.							
N.H. China Ins.	5,000	200	250				71,1300 p. sh.
Yunglee Ins.	8,000	25	25	250,000			17,940 "
Union Ins. Soc.	2,000	1,250	125	500,000	\$76,391.00	\$18.20	\$600 "
China Traders							
Insurance.....	24,000	83.33	25	600,000	107,411.62	22 1/2	\$75 "
Citico Ins. Office	10,000	200	50		30,127.71	10 1/2	\$102 "
China Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200		100,378	3200.18	\$200 "
H.K. Fire Ins.	8,000	250	50	801,000	250,732.56	\$20	\$370 "
China Fire Ins.	20,000	100	20	500,000	106,360.49	\$3.00 and 64 ex div.	bonus proportional
STEAM COMPANIES.							
H.K. C. and M.							
Steamboat.....	8,000	100	75	215,000	53,691.80	6 1/2	\$311
Indo-China S.							
Nat. Co.....	120,000	10	10				25 1/2 dis
China & Manila							
S.S. Co., Ltd.	3,500	\$100	all				par.
MISCELLANEOUS.							
H.K. & W'p'oa							
Dock.....	10,000	125	125	\$18,000	2,083.04	4 1/2	46 1/2 p.m. = \$178 1/2
H.K. and China							
Gas Co.....	5,000	10	10	97,758.14	1,144.18	9	\$84 p. share
H'kong Hotel.....	2,000	100	100		30,000		\$3
China Sugar Co.	9,000	100	100		5,895.56		\$116 ex div.
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	100	100		15,250	687.06	\$12 1/2 for \$150 p. share
H'kong Bakery	600	50	50		4,000	253.45	\$85 "
Luzon Sugar Co.	7,000	100	100			4,090.55	\$94 "
Bank Tio Min							
ing & Smelting							
Company.....	3,000	50	all				First year. \$215
Selangore Tin							
Mining Co. of							
Shanghai.....	2,500	100	all				\$400 "
LOANS.							
Chi. Imp., 1874	5,276	2	100	all	8	June 30 Dec 31	Payable.
" " 1877	15,040	2	100	all	8	Feb 28 Apr 30	"
" " 1878	3,820	TL	500	all	8	April & Oct.	"
" " 1881	8,562	TL	500	all	8	Jan 1 Dec 10	"
Sugar Debit	1,380	600	500	all	8	June & Dec.	3 1/2 prem.

\* For 6 months to 30th June.—Dividend for 1882 and Bonus of 25 per cent.—To 30th April 1883.—† For year 1881.—‡ For half year ended 30th June, 1883.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.**

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-  
Year ending 31st December last, at the  
Rate of Two POUNDS Sterling per SHARE  
of \$25, and One POUND and Five SHILLINGS  
Sterling per New SHARE of \$20.75  
paid up is PAYABLE on and after FRI-  
DAY, the 20th February current, at the  
Office of the Corporation, where Share-  
holders are requested to apply for Warrants.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

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**HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,  
WYNDHAM STREET, HONGKONG.**

THE UNDERSIGNED begs to notify the  
Public of Hongkong and the Coast  
Ports that he will RE-OPEN  
THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS  
on the 1st March.

The whole of the ROOMS have been  
thoroughly renovated, and there  
are ROOMS suitable for either MAR-  
RIED COUPLES or SINGLE PASSENGERS.  
The TABLE will be supplied with the  
BEST of the market can provide.  
THE WINES and LIQUORS supplied,  
both at the Table and Table, will be of the  
VERY BEST BRANDS.  
GENTLEMEN desirous of taking Meals,  
such as TIFINS and DINNERS, can  
have ALL REQUISITE information by  
applying to

GEORGE STAINFIELD,  
Proprietor.

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**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**

**PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.**  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA,  
PORT SAID, SYRIAN PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;  
ALSO  
BOMBAY.

ON TUESDAY, the 11th March,  
1884, at Noon, the Company's S. S.  
"ANADY" will leave for the above  
Ports, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as the Company's S. S.  
"ANADY" will leave for the above  
Ports, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon of 10th March, 1884.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. on the 10th March, 1884. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

I. MARTIN,  
Acting Agent.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION  
OF  
A VALUABLE LEASEHOLD  
PROPERTY.**

THE UNDERSIGNED has received instruc-  
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on the  
14th day of March, 1884, on the  
Premises,  
By Order of the Mortgagee,  
and consent of the Landlord, Messrs. JACKSON,  
Esquires, Official Assignees of  
Messrs. H. & B. Bankrupt—  
ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF  
GROUND  
Being a portion of MARINE LOT No. 37,  
measuring on the North 100 feet, South  
35 feet, East 30 feet, and West 30 feet,  
which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is  
registered in the Land Office as Section  
B of MARINE LOT No. 87; together  
with the TWO HOUSES on Queen's  
Road West, Nos. 16 and 17, held for  
the term of 99 years. Yearly Crown  
Rent, \$41.  
For Particulars and Conditions of Sale,  
apply to  
STEPHENS AND HOLMES,  
Solicitors for the Mortgagee;  
or to  
J. M. GIBBES,  
Auctioneer.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

February 28, 1884.—  
Bengal, British steamer, 1,330, G. Roy,  
Saigon Feb. 21, Rico.—ADAMSON, Belg. &  
Co.

Ningpo, British steamer, from Canton.  
Don Juan, Spanish steamer, 654, José M.  
Marquez, Manila Feb. 28, General.—BA-  
RRO & Co.

Namoa, British steamer, 853, Geo. D.  
Pittman, Fouchow Feb. 24, Ainoy 25, and  
Swatow 27, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP  
Co.

H.B.M.S. Audacious, from a cruise.  
H.C.M.S. Chi An, from Taiping.

## DEPARTURES.

February 28.—

Treanoddy, for Shanghai.  
Menzies, for Yokohama.  
Douglas, for Coast Ports.  
Fouchow, for Singapore, &c.  
Ainoy, for Singapore, &c.  
Fouchow, for Shanghai.  
Bentley, for Saigon.  
Ashburne, for Yokohama.

## CLEARED.

Pilot Fish, for Manila.

Kong Hong, for Swatow and Bangkok.  
Wells, for Hallow and Pakhoi.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Bengali, from Saigon, 65 Chinese.  
Per Don Juan, from Manila, 1 European,  
1 Indian, and 50 Chinese.  
Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, Messrs J.  
C. Johnston, B. B. Johnston, Low Ping Shik,  
1 European, and 150 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per Treanoddy, for Shanghai: from Hong-  
kong, 10 Chinese, 1 Indian, Messrs John  
Shang, W. Hovio, B. Layton, M. S. Kelly,  
S. Reynell, F. Grobion, and O. Duz, and  
3 Chinese; from Manilla, Messrs David-  
son, Duff, Russell and Uddell.

Per Menzies, for Yokohama: from Hong-  
kong, 10 Chinese, 1 Indian, Messrs John  
Shang, W. Hovio, B. Layton, M. S. Kelly,  
S. Reynell, F. Grobion, and O. Duz, and  
3 Chinese; from Manilla, Messrs David-  
son, Duff, Russell and Uddell.

Per Douglas, for Swatow, Mr. Sullivan;  
for Amoy, Messrs Bruce, J. da Silva, and  
Howard.

Per Fouchow, for Bombay, Mahomed  
Ahmed, for Singapore, 1 European, and  
297 Chinese; for Penang, 397 Chinese.  
Per Ainoy, for London, Mrs. Barclay;  
for Singapore, &c., 1 European, and 466  
Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per Kong Hong, for Swatow, 60 Chinese.  
Per Wells, for Hallow and Pakhoi, 12  
Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Bengali reports:  
First four days strong N.E. monsoon, with  
heavy sea and fine weather; latter part  
fresh and fine.

The British steamer Namoa reports:  
Left Fouchow on 24th, Amoy on 25th, and  
Swatow on 27th inst. From Fouchow to  
Swatow, experienced fresh monsoon and  
clear weather; thence to port light mon-  
soon with fine clear weather. In Fouchow:  
U.S.S. Monocacy. Passed S. S. Sin Wan-  
g in River Min bound up. In Amoy:  
S. S. Namoa, B. B. Johnston, and French  
man-of-war, in Swatow: S. S.  
Hobson, Glenlyon, Thales and Piccola.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For SINGAPORE, PORT DARWIN,  
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK-  
TOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRIS-  
BANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE,  
&c.—  
Per Whimpon, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 29th inst.

For NAGASAKI AND KOBE.—  
Per Namoa, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 29th inst.

For AMOY AND MANILA.—  
Per Don Juan, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday,  
the 29th inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW.—  
Per Namoa, at 5 p.m., on Saturday,  
the 1st March.

For NAGASAKI, HIOGO, AND YOKO-  
HAMA.—  
Per Kashiwa, at 11.50 a.m., on Thursday,  
the 6th March.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—  
The British Contract Packet Ganges  
will be despatched on TUESDAY,  
the 4th March, with Mails for the United  
Kingdom, Europe, and countries be-  
yond, via Brindisi, to the Straits Settle-  
ments, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon, India,  
Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the  
Australasian Colonies.

## MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet City of  
Tokio, will be despatched on MON-  
DAY, the 3rd March, with Mails for  
Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, the  
United States, Canada, Peru, &c.,  
which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry closes.  
2.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Corre-  
spondence may be posted on board the  
Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra  
Postage until the time of departure.

## MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet Audoy  
will be despatched on TUESDAY,  
the 11th March, with Mails to the  
United Kingdom, Europe, and places  
beyond, via Naples, to Saigon, Straits  
Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,  
India (via Madras), the Australasian  
Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape,  
Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in closing  
the Mails, &c.

The Post Office declines all responsibility  
for Unregistered Letters containing  
Jewellery, &c., and where Registra-  
tion has been neglected, will make no  
enquiries into alleged losses of such  
Letters.

## NOTES OF CLOSING

## THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing  
Mails, &c., by the British Contract  
Packet.

## Day of Departure.—

NOON.—Money Order Office closes.  
2 p.m.—Registry of Letters closes.  
Posting of all printed matter and  
parcels ceases.

3 p.m.—Mails closed, except for Late  
Letters.  
3.10 p.m.—Letters



you during the present session will be the following:—

- (1.) To regulate weights and measures.
- (2.) To consolidate and amend the ordinances relating to opium.
- (3.) To establish a savings bank.
- (4.) To provide for the Registration of Medical Practitioners.
- (5.) To regulate Prisons and Prisons Discipline.
- (6.) To amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, 1873.
- (7.) To amend the Preservation of Birds Ordinance, 1870.
- (8.) To amend certain Ordinances relating to Criminal Procedure.
- (9.) To amend the law relating to the Punishment of criminals.
- (10.) To amend the Bankruptcy Ordinance, 1874.
- (11.) To amend the Post Office and Postal Service.
- (12.) To amend Ordinance No. 10 of 1877.
- (13.) To provide for the more efficient protection of Chinese female children.

10. The report of the Commission on Sanitation, and an able and exhaustive memorandum by Mr. Justice Russell on the so-called Blockade of Hongkong by Chinese Revenue Cruisers are recommended to your attention. I have discussed this important question with the present British Minister at Peking, who will, I am confident, lend his aid towards carrying out an equitable settlement.

11. Turning to the vital subject of the Public Health, I am glad to inform you that the recent organisation of a Government Sanitary Board, under Ordinance No. 7 of 1883, and the promulgation of new Rules and Regulations under that Ordinance, together with the introduction of improved contrivances for the removal and disposal of waste products, have been followed by a marked improvement in the public health of the Colony. Much however remains to be done, both in respect of legislation and of structural sanitary work; but I am confident that the necessary reforms and improvements will in due course be effected by the Sanitary Board, the officers of which this branch of the Public Service has been entrusted, and by the cheerful acquiescence of all classes of our population in such measures and restrictions for the safety of the Public Health as may, with your assistance, become law. In this connection, Bills are now in course of preparation to amend and consolidate the laws relating to the Public Health; to amend the Building Ordinance No. 8 of 1866; to regulate the Water supply, and to prevent waste. Owing, however, to the large and comprehensive nature of these Bills, no less than to the probable necessity of referring certain technical points to scientific authorities in England, it is possible that there may not be time for their full consideration during the present session. In this event, they will form the subject of your first deliberations in the next session. In the meantime, however, the carrying out of such works as were deemed of immediate importance to the Public Health has been sanctioned. These works, which are in progress or in course of immediate initiation, include, among others, the Reclamation of unhealthy tidal lands at Yau-ma-Ti and Causeway Bay; Extensions and improvements of the existing system of sewers in the city; the construction of a new Central Market; the erection of a permanent Lazaretto on Stone Cutters' Island; the systematic draining of the noxious foreland along the Praya by means of steam machinery; and the general Sanitation of the villages in the Colony.

12. In connection with Sanitary Reform, the serious question of increased housing accommodation for the population of Victoria is now engaging the attention of my Government. While every succeeding census has revealed a great increase in the population, there has not been a corresponding increase in the number of human habitations. Overcrowding in its worst form has consequently been the result; and the prevention of this evil will be dealt with in the proposed new Public Health Bill. However, as the remedy is to be found chiefly in increased house accommodation for the labouring classes, it will be necessary to expand the City in a westerly direction as well as towards the East; and to create fresh building sites available for new townships. Estimates will, therefore, be presented to you for certain additional works of reclamation; for the formation of new suburbs; and for the laying out of new streets in the Districts of Belcher's Bay and Causeway Bay.

13. As the hitherto existing systems by which purchasers of Crown leaseholds have been able to evade their building obligations has led to a considerable area of land in and near the City remaining vacant, directions have been issued in the future, no purchaser of a Crown allotment shall receive his lease until he shall have complied with the Conditions of the Sale, and expended the specified sum upon proper tenements. Moreover, in the villages of the Colony, the system of leasehold will be terminated, and the houses which were terminable upon one month's notice will be superseded by an improved system of small and inexpensive building leaseholds for seventy-five years. The inhabitants will thus have the security for the investment of their money in suitable houses which will be altogether wanting under the present Squatter's License, by which they were liable to eviction upon one month's notice. These measures will, it is expected, tend to stimulate the further erection of proper dwellings, and to relieve the present overcrowded condition of several quarters of the City.

14. On sanitary and other grounds I have come to the conclusion that the drainage of the marshy lands situated within the Race-Course in the Wong nei Chung Valley is as much a work of necessity as the reclamation of Causeway Bay. A plan will, therefore, be laid before you for the drainage of these marshes and for their conversion into a Public Park.

15. Advertising is another important undertaking, which has received legislative sanction. I am glad to inform you that the Break-water at Causeway Bay, intended to form a harbour of refuge for the boat population during typhoons, has been satisfactorily completed within the amount originally estimated; that the Tatum Water-works are steadily progressing; and also the extension of the Government Hospital, together with the new Lunatic Asylum; and that the erection of the new Central School will be commenced forthwith. The new Meteorological Observatory has been finished; and will, it is expected, prove of practical value to the maritime interests of commerce.

16. I have pressed on the Imperial Government the importance, in Sanitary and other grounds, of that urgently needed improvement, the connection of the Eastern and Western portions of Victoria, by means of a continuous marine embankment along the sea-frontage of the Military Cantonment and the Royal Naval Yard. I hope to be able ere long to announce a favourable decision.

17. With regard to the vital question of Public Instruction, the Report of the Inspector of Schools for 1883 will be laid before you. I have myself visited on several occasions, among the other Public Establishments, the Chief Educational Institutions in this Island. Their condition is generally satisfactory. The new Central School, or Victoria College, is much needed, and will provide accommodation for at least seven hundred students.

18. In connection with this subject, the Government proposes with your concurrence to follow the precedent of other Colonies by sending, in alternate years, in accordance with Regulations which will be submitted to you, two of the most promising students of our chief Colleges, selected by a committee of the Government, to complete their professional education in England, especially in Law, Medicine, and Civil Engineering.

19. Those minor posts in the Public Service which are at the disposal of the Government, were wisely thrown open by your order, to the competition of all persons, without distinction of race or creed. A much needed stimulus has thus been given to general Education, while the Government will secure a constant supply of eligible candidates for the several Government offices.

20. A Report will be laid before you showing the considerable progress already made in the afforestation of this Colony. I have directed the introduction of several thousand plants of the Australian *Eucalyptus*, and a few which furnish valuable timber, and a tree which furnishes a valuable medicinal substance as experience in many tropical and semi-tropical countries has amply proved.

21. You will perceive from papers on the table that it has been necessary to procure a new supply of arms for the Police, and to erect a new arsenal, and for the proper drill and instruction of the corps you have already made provision.

22. The Imperial Government, on my recommendation, has presented a full equipment of arms for the Hongkong Volunteer Artillery, which body, it is hoped, will furnish a valuable addition to the numerical strength of the garrison.

23. I have represented to the Imperial Government in strong terms the necessity of completing the Fortification of this Colony, and the necessity of the Military and Maritime of Commerce. Without referring to the value of the other and manifold interests, both Imperial and Colonial, which are at stake, I may remind you that Official Statistics show that the tonnage of the shipping entered at the Port of Hongkong in the year 1883 exceeded five millions of tons; that is, it exceeded the tonnage of the shipping entered at the Port of London in 1843, the year in which Hongkong was annexed to the British Crown, at a value of £1,365,687, from which a deduction will have to be made in consequence of the loss of the *Amoy* Yen, in which the Bank has a shipment of treasure. The loss will, it is estimated, amount to the amount of the account has increased during the year, £30,000. Deposits have also increased £3 million dollars during the year, an item that shows the steady growth of the Bank in public favor. We have lately negotiated with the Viceroy of Canton under Imperial Edict, repaying £3 years, a small loan of £1 million, with a view to the increase of its being increased to 2 million taels at a favorable rate of interest and in due time the Bonds of the Loan will be tendered to the public. I may mention that the aggregate amount of the old Loan outstanding will, by the end of the year, be comparatively small.

In conclusion, the business of the Bank is progressing satisfactorily and for the present half year good results have been obtained. We are most thoroughly convinced of the wisdom of increasing the capital, and we find full employment for our resources at all points. The present report is, in many respects, the best that has ever been issued by the Bank, and with careful management and the continued support of our shareholders, we are confident that we can present you with a series of equally satisfactory ones. (Loud Applause.)

No questions being asked, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and passing of the accounts.

Mr. George seconded.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson—Gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in proposing that the Directors who retire by rotation, Messrs Dalrymple, F. D. Sassoon, and MacEwen, be re-elected as Directors for the ensuing year.

Mr. C. P. Chater—I have very great pleasure in seconding that proposition.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Forbes—I have great pleasure in proposing that the appointment of Messrs Dalrymple and Chater, in place of Messrs Hopkiss and Keppeler, be confirmed.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Melver said he had much pleasure in proposing that the Hon. P. Ryrie and Mr. Dalrymple be re-elected as Directors for the ensuing year.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, that concludes the business of the meeting. I have to state that the dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

Mr. Bottomley—I have much pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks to the Board of Directors, the General Manager and other officers of the Bank, for the satisfactory report they have furnished. Considering the half year, we have passed through, we have very great reason to congratulate ourselves.

The vote of thanks was awarded by acclamation.

The Chairman—on behalf of the Board, I beg to thank you for your kind vote of thanks.

The Hon. T. Jackson—I thank you very much for this vote of thanks on behalf of myself and the other officers of the bank. The concluded the proceedings, and the meeting dispersed.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The fifteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held in the offices of the General Managers (Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.) this forenoon. There were present: The Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman); the Hon. T. Jackson, the Hon. F. D. Sassoon, Mr. A. P. MacEwen, and Mr. C. D. Bottomley (Consulting Committee); Dr. Adams and Messrs H. Crawford, H. Widdow, M. Morgan, G. S. Coxon, A. G. Stokes, J. Thurston, W. Weston, G. C. Cox, W. H. Ray, H. B. Combs, F. T. P. Foster, Dr. Hutcheon, R. C. de Rocha, L. A. Rosario, J. C. de Cunha, H. L. Dalrymple, Ho Tung, and E. E. Dear.

The notice convening the meeting having been read,

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, we are met together today, to consider the annual report and accounts of the Company, which have been circulated for some days past amongst the shareholders. I have great pleasure in confirming the statement we make in that report, to the effect that the business of the Company continues to be prosperous. In 1882 we had a larger collection of premia than in any preceding year, and we have not had to deplore any exceptional losses. Dealing first with the accounts for 1882, which we are about to close, the net profit of that year amounted to \$217,000, which we propose to deal as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$20 per share, equaling \$80 per share on the old shares; to pay a bonus of \$23,000, to share-

holders on their contributions; and to add to the Reserve Fund \$24,000. You will perceive that the addition to the Reserve Fund is not so large as in the previous year, and this is owing to the fact that as regards the contributions of shareholders during the year 1882, we had to pay for the whole year, whereas in 1881 we had only to pay for little more than half a year. In addition to that the losses in 1882 were somewhat larger than in 1881, by about \$23,000.

I think, however, you will agree with me that the year has terminated successfully. The amount of premia we have collected during the last year amounts to \$267,979 against \$243,714 for 1882, showing an increase of \$23,905; and the surplus, so far as we can at present see, amounts to \$233,144, less claims which we are in the process of settling, to the extent of \$58,000, for losses incurred up to that date. Since then, however, I regret to say, we have received telegraphic accounts of a fire which has taken place at Yokohama involving a loss covered by the Company's policies of \$25,000. We don't know how much salvage, if any, there will be, under these policies. With regard to the securities held by the Company the annual certificates have been rendered by the auditors, and I am pleased to inform shareholders that so far as the General Agents and the Consulting Committee can acquaint themselves with the value of these securities, there is an ample margin for the Company's investments. I am also pleased to say that the mortgage given by Kwok Yin Kai on a portion of a property to the westward, on which we had last year to write off a certain sum for depreciation, we have reason to believe that we shall be able to sell that property shortly for a sum which will give back the greater portion of the sum written off the Reserve Fund. I have no further remarks to make with regard to the business of the Company, and will be happy to answer any questions put to me.

Mr. Wotton—I had forgotten, one circumstance in connection with the working account for 1883, and that is that the interest account is somewhat smaller than it should have been if an error had not occurred in the preceding year. I have been invited out to say by the Auditors of the preceding year, and I am sorry to say, the General Managers also, that the interest account on the Sugar and Chinese bonds held by the Company has been incorrectly credited, year by year, at the same amount of three bonds; but as we purchased these at a premium we ought to have laid aside a certain sum every year as a sinking fund. That was neglected, and consequently, we have in the past year had to write off a sum to make good that sinking fund. In future years there will, of course, be only a small annual appropriation on this account.

No questions were asked, and, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Bottomley, the meeting unanimously adopted and passed the report and accounts as printed.

Mr. Wicking proposed that the Hon. T. Jackson, Mr. A. P. MacEwen, Mr. J. H. de Rosmedes, and Mr. C. D. Bottomley, be re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee, and that the Hon. F. D. Sassoon be appointed to the vacant seat caused by the resignation of Mr. Keppeler.

Mr. Thurston seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Dalrymple proposed, and Mr. Dalrymple seconded, that the Hon. F. B. Johnson and Mr. A. Coxon be re-elected auditors.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman intimated that this was all the business and that the dividend warrants would be issued on the 1st March.

Mr. Dalrymple proposed, and Mr. Dalrymple seconded, that the Hon. F. B. Johnson be appointed to the vacant seat caused by the resignation of Mr. Keppeler.

Carried unanimously.

The Chairman having returned thanks to the General Managers and Consulting Committee, the meeting separated.

## POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)

Thursday, Feb. 28.

SUMMONSES FOR ALLEGED ASSAULTS ON THE RACE COURSE.

The hearing of the case in which Mr. M. Dalrymple, of Shanghai, was charged with assaulting Mr. Brandt, also of Shanghai, in the Champions Race on Friday last, was resumed this morning.

There was again a good attendance of gentlemen.

Mr. Wotton, of Messrs Bowdler, Wotton and Deacon, appeared for Mr. Brandt. He said he presumed his Worship would proceed with the case brought by Mr. Brandt against Mr. Dalrymple before he heard evidence on the summons which had been served on the defendant.

His Worship said—Did the pony's head show any marks when it came in?—Yes.

How many marks?—Five.

By Mr. Wotton—I have been with Mr. Brandt since I was fourteen years of age. When I saw the occurrence I was standing almost exactly opposite the two mile post on the stable side of the course. I was about 14 Chinese Cheung, or about 140 feet, off where the occurrence took place when I saw it. Mr. Dalrymple's pony was nearest you, and covering your view of Mr. Brandt and his pony?—Yes.

Mr. Brandt—I beg pardon, the interpreter does not translate properly. I understand Chinese.

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Mr. Wotton to witness—Can you read?—Witness—No.

I suppose you have spoken to Mr. Brandt about this?—No, not a word. Yesterday he told me I must come to the Court and he examined, but he did not say what he said to me. I don't know what day of the month this is, but I can remember the affair happened on the 22nd inst, because I know when the races commenced.

This concluded the complainant's evidence, and the defendant addressed the Court. He submitted that the evidence given yesterday and to-day was most unsatisfactory, and that it was not substantial enough for his Worship to hold that an assault was committed. He held that it was not a title of evidence to confirm the evidence given yesterday, and the blow was an intentional one, if it was struck at all. As for the bruise on his right leg, that such things frequently occurred and could not well be avoided. Mr. Wotton asked his Worship not to believe the Chinese evidence, as it was not a title of evidence to confirm the evidence given yesterday, and the blow was an intentional one, if it was struck at all.

His Worship—There is another piece of evidence, and that is the mark on the left thigh. I am not considering the right leg at all.

Mr. Wotton—No one can say how that was caused. I dare say most of the gentlemen who ride in these races can show marks. It is enough for them to show a mark, and say an assault was committed. Mr. Brandt was, as he had already said, annoyed at the result of the Stewards' enquiry, and he thought he would bring this action by way of cooling his anger, and he makes up his mind to do so. He has now complained against Mr. Brandt. He did not wish to bring this

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What did you mean by satisfaction?—To have the culprit punished.

You did not want them punished did you without an enquiry?—Certainly not. You don't suppose I expected them to be punished without an enquiry?

Did you have an enquiry?—An enquiry has been held so far as I know.

Were you satisfied with it?—I was not satisfied.

You were not satisfied? You were very angry?—I was not satisfied.

You were not pleased?—I decline to answer. This is only beating about the bush.

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Was not your business with Mr. Brandt that evening in the street that you struck him?

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Witness—When and where?

On the 22nd instant in D'Agular Street.

Witness to Magistrate—Am I bound to answer that question?

His Worship—I think not under the circumstances.

Mr. Wotton—Have you any more witnesses?—Yes, three, two Chinese and a foreigner. Certainly I have spoken to them about the case.

Mr. Brandt then called Mr. Rugg.

Emile Rugg, asked what he knew about the circumstances of the case, said—On Friday last I rode in the Champions Race. I saw Mr. Brandt riding a black horse coming down the Straight, with a whip in his hand, and I was on the lead at that time. I was on the lead to the 1000 yards, in which position, which I kept all the way through. When *Odessa* came about near the two mile post, close to the rails, I saw *Odessa*, which was far outside, riding in against *Odessa*, which it drove on to the rails. Mr. Brandt was on *Rose*, I did not see any hitting, as it was too dark.

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Do you ride with glasses?—No. I rode with glasses in the stable, but not in the race.

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His Honour—Did you see him strike anything else than the pony?—I saw him whip the complainant's leg. I was watching there. I was standing on the stable side of the brook, and defendant's pony was between him and the complainant's pony.

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<i>Yee's Name.</i>	<i>Ying &amp; Co.</i>	<i>Dunlop.</i>
Edward	Brk. bgo.	Kientien
Amann	Amann	
Bar of China	Brk. bgo.	

**AMOY.**

In port on February 23, 1884.

Angus to	Br. sch. Ach.
Loria	Gr. bgo.
uding Star	Brk. bgo. In Dock
o	Gr. bgo.
Lozart	Gr. bgo.
ophio	Roos. hg.

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riedrich	Gr. sch. Takao
alvaston	Gr. bgo. Newchwang

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**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**

Madry	P. Freng	Hongkong, &c.
Intenitor	British	London, &c.
hun-tung	Chinese	

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Almatia	Amer. bqe.
Benj. Sewall	Amer. sh.
Chihaya Maru	Japan. bqe.
Chingtah	Chi. bqe.
Croothy	Brit. bqe.
P. P. Litchfield	Amer. bqe.
Coddien	
George	Brit. bqe.
L. E. Hipley	Brit. bqe.
Erfulcon	Brit. bqe.
Kumusako Maru	Japan. bqe.
Joong Wha	Br 3m.sch.
Linna	Brit. bqe.

Queen of England Simm. bqe.  
 As Swallow Brit. bqe.  
 Pheasant Brit. bqe.  
 Robin Ger. sh. Nagasaki

**NAGASAKI.**  
 In port on February 10, 1884.  
 Catalina Brit. bqe. Shanghai  
 Titianella Brit. bqe. Shanghai  
 John Potts Brit. bqe. Shanghai  
 Kanagawa Maru Japan. bqe.  
 Yamamura Maru Japan. bqe.

**HIOGO.**  
 In port on February 11, 1884.  
 Svangellno Brit. sch.  
 Pheasant Brit. bqe. New York  
 Pelham Brit. bg.  
 Queen Emma Brit. bqe.  
 Queenstown Amer. sh.  
 Yma. W. Crapo Amer. bqe.

**YOKOHAMA.**  
 In port on February 12, 1884.  
 Albat Brit. sch.  
 John Marshall Amer. sch.

Ammapolis	Brit.	bq.	New York
Black Diamond	Ger.	bq.	
Carondelet	Amer.	sch.	
Clans	Amer.	sch.	
C. de Beaulieu	Ger.	bq.	
Clemency	Brit.	bktc.	
Guam	Brit.	bktine.	
Holena	Brit.	sch.	
Ida	Amer.	bq.	
Mary C. Bohm	Ger.	sch.	
Nemo	Russ.	sch.	
Orient	Ger.	bq.	
Pisago	Brit.	sch.	
Rose	Russ.	sch.	
Saghalien'	Russ.	sch.	
Solidor	Brit.	bq.	
Stella	Russ.	sch.	

**MANILA.**  
In port on February 8, 1884.

Alert	Amer.	sch.
Allice Reed	Amer.	bq.
B. Webster	Amer.	bq.
Crown Prince	Brit.	bq.
Durford	Brit.	sch.

James G. Fenimore	Brit.	ah.	New York
Eliza	Ger.	ah.	
Clara Schumann	Brit.	bq.	
Granite State	Amer.	ah.	
George Admiral	Amer.	ah.	
Griffiths	Ger.	bq.	
W. G. Fankton	Amer.	bq.	
Upulter	Ger.	bq.	
Lodsen	Dan.	bq.	
Major E. Russell	Amer.	bq.	
Frudencia	Brit.	ah.	
Titania	Brit.	ah.	London

**HOLOI.**

Benito	Ger.	bq.	Hongkong
Kaiser	Ger.	ah.	San Francisco
Clayverdalo	Brit.	bq.	New York
Mary S. Ames	Amer.	bq.	United States

**OEBU.**

Brodrone	Norw.	bq.	Anstralia
Great Sturgeon	Amer.	bq.	Boston
William Gilman	Ger.	ah.	United States
McGraw	Span.	bq.	Liverpool

**BANGKOK.**

In port on February 18, 1894.		
Admiral	Siam.	sch.
Albino	Siam.	sch.
Aurora	Brit.	bge.
Billy Simpson	Brit.	bge.
Caturlin	Ital.	bge.
Cham Kanry	Siam.	bge.
Charon Wattana	Siam.	sh.
China	Siam.	bge. laid up
Dhio	Aust.	bge.
Diamond City	Siam.	bge.
Eng Lee	Siam.	bge.
Envoy	Siam.	bge.
Falcon	Siam.	bge. Java
Gollah	Siam.	bge.
Hitching	Brit.	bge.
Heng Seng	Siam.	bge.
Kim Oye Seng	Siam.	sch.
K. Hoek Cheong	Siam.	sch.
Koon Lee	Siam.	sch.
Lucky	Siam.	bge.
Mareury	Siam.	bge.
Rapid	Siam.	bge.
San Francisco	Ger.	sch.
Starlight	Brit.	sch.
Tek La	Brit.	bge.

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